

ABSTRACT

A method (300) for distributing data (25), within a network (11), between a source consumer (50) and a destination consumer (250). The data (25) originates from, and is protected by predetermined intellectual property rights of, a third party (20). The method (300) includes: specifying (302) a first access condition associated with the data, the access condition based on the predetermined intellectual property rights; based on a request requesting transfer of the data from the source consumer to the destination consumer, and based on a service ticket issued by an authority associated with the source consumer, arranging (304) for authentication of the destination consumer; and after authentication of the destination consumer, based on a second access condition issued by an authority associated with the source consumer, arranging (306) for transfer of the data, via the network in a peer-to-peer manner, from the source consumer to the destination consumer. Use (308) of the data is restricted in a manner specified by access conditions.